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Dr. James L. Athearn, professor of insurance at the College of Business Administration, University of Florida, will become Dean of the School of Business Administration at Montana State University on Sept. 1, it was announced by Dr. Robert Johns, president.

Athearn, a Montana native, will succeed Dr. Donald J. Emblen, who was appointed Acting Dean on July 1.

The new Dean was born Oct. 2, 1916, at Kremlin, Mont., and attended primary and secondary schools in Havre and Apgar. He was granted his BA degree in business administration in 1947, and his MA in economics in 1949, both at MSU. Ohio State University granted his Ph.D. in economics in 1953.

His first teaching assignment was at MSU where he served as an assistant in economics. He held several teaching posts at Ohio State University prior to joining the staff of the University of Florida in 1957. Dr. Athearn was a onetime Hill County wheat farm manager, he is a chartered life and casualty underwriter and has served as a business consultant for various firms in both Florida and Montana. He has published numerous articles in business and insurance journals.

He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi and Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary fraternities, is married and has two daughters.

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